

## DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

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small expense. No part of the \$97,000 ever came to me, nor was it to my advantage. All of which is registered in the books of the Board of Public Works.

WASHINGTON, April 16, 1917.

The chairman, (to the witness.) I understand you to refer to the statement of the letter received by you from DeGolyer & McClellan.

A. The attorney of DeGolyer & McClellan, a letter to Chicago. It was received by them, and they delivered the same to me.

Q. In person, or returned it to you by letter?

A. In person, at the time I was in Chicago.

Q. When did you first reach Washington after your trip to Chicago?

A. I think it was in January, 1917.

Q. Did you come directly from Chicago, or from Philadelphia?

A. I think I came here from Philadelphia.

Q. Was either Mr. DeGolyer or Mr. McClellan with you at the time?

A. They did not come here.

Q. Did they know when you left Chicago, that you were coming to Washington with a view to securing paving contracts?

A. Yes, they knew.

Q. And you came at their request?

A. Yes.

Q. Was this agreement that you had with DeGolyer & McClellan for one-third of the profits in writing?

A. I have a copy of it. I do not have the original.

Q. In that agreement, I have not a copy of it.

A. That applies to the paving in all the Eastern cities.

Q. Including this city?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Then any expenses that were paid by the firm of DeGolyer & McClellan in securing this contract, of course, were paid by them?

A. Yes, they were.

Q. That is to say, you were to pay your own expenses while securing these contracts in all cities?

A. Yes, they were.

Q. You say that when you came to Washington, you found forty-one competitors?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. That was in January, 1917. The fact of there being forty-one competitors may have been known to the committee at that time.

A. I think I came here and went away at first.

Q. How did those competitors present themselves to you?

A. They were all in the city, and I did not see them, sir. It was stated to me that these competitors were:

Q. Did this committee consist of forty-one different parties?

A. I do not know.

Q. Were you coming in competition, then, with those various parties?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did you first see Mr. Huntington?

A. I think it was in February.

Q. You were here a month before you met him?

A. I may have gone away. I think I came here and went away at first.

Q. Who did you see on your first visit?

A. I do not know.

Q. You came here with Washington with a view of securing a paving contract?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How did you begin that work?

A. I went up to the office of the Board of Public Works.

Q. Did you enter into active operations in securing this contract?

A. I did not.

Q. It was under the name of DeGolyer & McClellan?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When you came here, did you visit him?

A. No, sir.

Q. Why was your attention directed to Mr. Huntington?

A. He was the one who was in charge of the work.

Q. Did he present this letter to Mr. Coombs in Chicago to me, an inducement to come to Washington, to secure the contract?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. That is in February? I think in February?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you see Mr. Huntington before you saw Mr. Huntington afterwards?

A. I saw him afterwards.

Q. But about the same time. I saw Mr. Huntington frequently, but I never spoke of any business to Mr. Huntington until after Mr. Huntington's death?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. State how you came to talk with Mr. Huntington upon this subject?

A. I went to his office and talked with him.

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Q. You made his acquaintance casually?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you see him before you saw Mr. Huntington?

A. I think I saw him.

Q. What did he say to you?

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